

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP2005/000275

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl⁷ H01P5/12, 5/10, H03H7/42, 7/48

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	JP 2000-188218 A (TDK Corp.), 04 July, 2000 (04.07.00), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	1-10
Y	JP 2003-198221 A (FDK Corp.), 11 July, 2003 (11.07.03), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	1-10
Y	JP 8-191016 A (Murata Mfg. Co., Ltd.), 23 July, 1996 (23.07.96), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	1-10

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☐ See patent family annex.

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Y	US 5424694 A (Allied Signal Inc.), 13 June, 1995 (13.06.95), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	1-10
Y	JP 11-261313 A (Hitachi Metals, Ltd.), 24 September, 1999 (24.09.99), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	1-10
Y	JP 2000-278149 A (Murata Mfg. Co., Ltd.), 06 October, 2000 (06.10.00), Par. Nos. [0029] to [0031]; Fig. 2 & EP 1134834 A1	10
A	JP 2002-217615 A (Japan Aviation Electronics Industry Ltd.), 02 August, 2002 (02.08.02), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	1-10
A	JP 2001-211010 A (Murata Mfg. Co., Ltd.), 03 August, 2001 (03.08.01), Fig. 5; Par. Nos. [0023] to [0025] & EP 1102345 A2 & US 6448864 B1	1-10
A	JP 10-335911 A (Nippon Telegraph And Telephone Corp.), 18 December, 1998 (18.12.98), Fig. 27; Par. Nos. [0008] to [0011] & EP 869574 A2	1-10
A	JP 2002-329611 A (Murata Mfg. Co., Ltd.), 15 November, 2002 (15.11.02), Fig. 3; full text (Family: none)	1-10
A	JP 2002-217036 A (Murata Mfg. Co., Ltd.), 02 August, 2002 (02.08.02), Fig. 5; full text (Family: none)	1-10

A. 発明の属する分野の分類 (国際特許分類 (IPC))

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B. 調査を行った分野

調査を行った最小限資料 (国際特許分類 (IPC))

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最小限資料以外の資料で調査を行った分野に含まれるもの

日本国実用新案公報	1922-1996年
日本国公開実用新案公報	1971-2005年
日本国実用新案登録公報	1996-2005年
日本国登録実用新案公報	1994-2005年

国際調査で使用した電子データベース (データベースの名称、調査に使用した用語)

C. 関連すると認められる文献

引用文献の カテゴリー*	引用文献名 及び一部の箇所が関連するときは、その関連する箇所の表示	関連する 請求の範囲の番号
Y	JP 2000-188218 A (ティーディーケイ株式会社) 2000.07.04, 全文、 全図 (ファミリーなし)	1-10
Y	JP 2003-198221 A (エフ・ディー・ケイ株式会社) 2003.07.11, 全 文、全図 (ファミリーなし)	1-10
Y	JP 8-191016 A (株式会社村田製作所) 1996.07.23, 全文、全図 (フ ァミリーなし)	1-10

☒ C欄の続きにも文献が列挙されている。☐ パテントファミリーに関する別紙を参照。

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C (続き) . 関連すると認められる文献		
引用文献の カテゴリー*	引用文献名 及び一部の箇所が関連するときは、その関連する箇所の表示	関連する 請求の範囲の番号
Y	US 5424694 A (AlliedSignal Inc.) 1995.06.13, 全文、全図 (ファミリーなし)	1-10
Y	JP 11-261313 A (日立金属株式会社) 1999.09.24, 全文、全図 (ファミリーなし)	1-10
Y	JP 2000-278149 A (株式会社村田製作所) 2000.10.06, 段落【0029】 —【0031】、第2図 & EP 1134834 A1	10
A	JP 2002-217615 A (日本航空電子工業株式会社) 2002.08.02, 全文、 全図 (ファミリーなし)	1-10
A	JP 2001-211010 A (株式会社村田製作所) 2001.08.03, 第5図、段 落【0023】—【0025】 & EP 1102345 A2 & US 6448864 B1	1-10
A	JP 10-335911 A (日本電信電話株式会社) 1998.12.18, 第27図、段 落【0008】—【0011】 & EP 869574 A2	1-10
A	JP 2002-329611 A (株式会社村田製作所) 2002.11.15, 第3図、全 文 (ファミリーなし)	1-10
A	JP 2002-217036 A (株式会社村田製作所) 2002.08.02, 第5図、全 文 (ファミリーなし)	1-10

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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(Implementing Regulation 40 bis)
(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

Date of mailing
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FOR FURTHER ACTION

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purpose of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
 - ☐ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
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 - c. time of filing/furnishing
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 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims _____	YES
	Claims <u>1-10</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

- Document 1: JP 2000-188218 A (TDK Corporation) 2000.07.04, full text and drawings (no family)
- Document 2: JP 2003-198221 A (FDK Corporation) 2003.07.11, full text and drawings (no family)
- Document 3: JP 8-191016 A (Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.) 1996.07.23, full text and drawings (no family)
- Document 4: US 5424694 A (AlliedSignal Inc.) 1995.06.13, full text and drawings (no family)
- Document 5: JP 11-261313 A (Hitachi Metals, Ltd.) 1999.09.24, full text and drawings (no family)
- Document 5: JP 2000-278149 A (Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.) 2000.10.16, paragraphs [0029] to [0031], Fig. 2 & EP 1134834 A1
- The inventions according to Claims 1 to 9 do not involve an inventive step in view of Documents 1 to 5. As described in Documents 4, 5, and the like, it is a commonly adopted practice to form two strip lines in parallel on both sides of a strip line and extract a signal from each of the two strip lines, and hence there should be no particular difficulty in forming two balanced-signal strip lines on both sides of an unbalanced-signal strip line as shown in Fig. 2 of Document 1, Fig. 3 of Document 2, or Figs. 3 and 10 of Document 3. Further, connecting an isolation resistor between two balanced-signal terminals is a matter that can be appropriately implemented as required.
- The invention according to Claim 10 does not involve an inventive step in view of Documents 1 to 6. As described in Document 6 and the like, arranging a resistor on the surface of a laminate is a well-known art.